At Sialkot, General Baig has gone to say even this that when disappointed, India could dare attack Pakistan. Benazir Bhutto has also endorsed this kind of statement. It appears that Pakistan can invade India at any time and this is the proof of the fact that training is being imparted to extremists in Kashmir and arms are being supplied to them.

I request the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister to make a statement in the House in this regard.

Shri Madan Lal Khurana (South Delhi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an issue for holding elections to Delhi Metropolitan Council and Municipal Corporation immediately and restoring the democrating rights to the citizens of Delhi of which they have been deprived.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on February 5, 1983 elections to Municipal Corporation of Delhi for four years and Metropolitan Council for five years were held. Three days before the elections were scheduled to be held, a Sarkaria Committee was constituted by issuing a special notification. Elections were postponed on the plea that they wanted to give a shape to Delhi. Its report was not allowed to be submitted for two years. Shri V. P. Singh's Government had assured the House again and again that they were granting Statehood to Delhi. So, the Metropolitan Council and the Municipal Corporation were suspended. Today, Delhi Municipal Corporation and Metropolitan Council are suspended. There is no elected body which is responsible to the people of Delhi. There are numerous problems of Delhi such as electricity, water, housing, buses, etc. and these problems are becoming from bad to worse. The hon. Minister has made a statement in the House today itself that no house has been constructed for the poor in three years during a period of five years. Today when they are talking that they are a big democratic party, I would like to request that there is a limit of tolerance of the people of Delhi, they should not be put to test any more. Therefore, my submission is that holding of elections in Delhi should be declared at the earliest so that an elected body, responsible to Delhi could be set up. This is my only insistence. (*Interruptions*).

Shri Kalka Das (Karol Bagh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have met the Prime Minister in this regard, he has given an assurance but no decision has been taken thereon. Delhi has turned into a city of problems, nobody is responsible. I request you to direct the Government so that the Government may tell us as to when the elections in Delhi would be held. The Leader of the House is sitting here. He may tell us as to when the elections in Delhi are going to be held ? (*Interruptions*).

Shri Tarachand Khandelwal (Chandni Chowk): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the people of Delhi have no Fundamental Rights. (*Interruptions*). This is an impingement upon their rights that they have not been given this opportunity. (*Interruptions*).

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri (Saidpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had drawn your attention two-three days back to the severe drought in the eastern Uttar Pradesh. The drought is so severe that nothing is left there except tears in man's eyes. Particularly there are three districts—Varanasi, Jaunpur and Ghazipur where my Parliamentary constituency, Saidpur is also there. Drought is so severe in Mirzapur that even wells have gone dry. Drinking water is not available there to the people. The entire Rabi and Kharif Crop has been damaged. I and other hon. Members —Shri Ram Nihor and Satyapal Yadavji—as also all other Members had referred to this situation in this House and you had also listened to us with rapt attentions, but nothing has been done in this regard. I came yesterday from my constituency and I

had seen people there who were in a state of extreme distress. They are not getting food. Sir, I would like to request you to direct the Leader of the House to make a statement in this regard.

Mr. Speaker : Every hon. Member is adding to my work.

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri : Mr. Speaker, Sir, kindly take this matter seriously.

Shri Chandra Jeet Yadav (Azamgarh) : My submission also relates to it.

Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri : A painful situation is prevailing. Shri Chandrajeet Yadav and all other hon. Members had made similar submissions. Serious concern has been expressed. I would urge upon you to direct him to say something in the House as to what would be done here.

[*English*]

Shrimati Vasundhara Raje (Jhalawar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister for Environment has been made very very laudable comments in the newspapers for the last two weeks. He says that he and his Ministry do not want to stand in the way of appropriate projects. He says that development and ecology must go hand in hand. But at the same time, action speaks louder than his words. There are very very wide disparities between his action and his words.

At this very moment of time, there are over forty-nine hydro and thermal projects having a capacity of over 15,000 m.w. lying on various shelves gathering dust. A case in point is, Dholpur Thermal Plant which is going on for the last twelve years. Various clarifications are asked repeatedly and sent back to the State Government despite the clarifications are provided by the State Government. Would you believe it, the project has been stalled due to supposed crocodile sanctuary where no crocodile exists ? But the hon. Minister and his Ministry have stalled this very very prestigious project. Rajasthan is dying for power.

Rajasthan is short of power and we are waiting for this project.

I call it whimsical on the part of the Government. It is a failure on the part of the Environment Ministry to allow the project to be pending in this manner.

Therefore, I seek a clarification from the hon. Minister. I would ask you to please direct the hon. Minister to make a statement in this regard. (*Interruptions*).

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Kamal Nath) : The hon. Member has observed that this Project is pending for the last 12 years. I have just been here for last one month. I do accept that there are a large number of projects. But we must be conscious of one fact. (*Interruptions*).

Please listen to me if you want to know the facts.

Unless and until these projects are environmentally compatible and unless and until they comply with the various stipulations of environmental and pollution laws, they cannot be cleared.

But I assure the hon. Member that I shall certainly have a look at the Dholpur Project not only with open eyes but with open mind.

[*Translation*]

Shri Guman Mal Lodha (Pali) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, our hon. colleagues have drawn attention to the serious problems of Rajasthan, I would like to make a submission especially regarding severe drought in Western Rajasthan as it is such a desert area where